

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

In a portable information terminal, a display screen is ~~equipped at~~ provided on one surface ~~side~~ of an upper half portion. ~~Plural,~~ and keys for inputting characters are provided at a surface of a lower half portion ~~which is overlapped with the.~~ The upper half portion, and an can be pivoted to overlay the lower half portion. An operating unit for performing the control operation of the display content of the display screen is provided at a portion of the lower half portion ~~which that is exposed to the outside~~ even when the upper ~~[[and]] half portion overlays the lower half portions are overlapped with each other portion.~~ Further, ~~a~~ A controller for ~~performing the display control of~~ controlling the display screen and other control processing is equipped in the lower half portion. The upper half portion and the lower half portion are rotatably joined to each other around a first rotational axis so as to be opened ~~so that one end sides thereof are mutually separated from each other~~ from the overlap state, ~~and.~~ The upper and lower half portions are also they are joined to each other so as to be rotatable around a second rotational axis perpendicular to the first rotational axis. ~~It is detected~~ A detector determines whether the display screen of the upper half portion faces the key-arranged surface of the lower half portion ~~on which the plural keys are arranged or whether the opposite back side [[to]] of the upper half portion faces the key-arranged surface side, and in.~~ In accordance with the detection result, the controller ~~of the lower half portion~~ rotates the display image ~~[[of]]~~ on the display screen by 180 degrees.